A DAY OF JOY

Nearly 4000 children and 1000 Volunteers came together on one ground to take part in Chiguru 2017, an inter-school fest organized and hosted by Youth For Seva on the 17th of December at GNITS, Shaikpet in Hyderabad. Students from government schools across the city participated to showcase their talents in 16 different categories related to academics, sports and arts.

The motivation behind the event is that it is not what we do for the children but what we teach them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

Every person is unique. It is important for children to discover and explore themselves.

Since not many students in government schools get the right opportunities to do so, The Youth For Seva team provides a unique platform for these little buds to explore themselves, in the form of “Chiguru. The word “chiguru” means ‘to sprout’, and that is exactly what this event aims for – to shine a light on the inner potential of these children, allowing them to sprout. Started as an inter-school competition between government schools in Bengaluru, Chiguru has since grown and evolved into a major event that is more than just a competition between students.

It has become an event that inspires thousands of students and nurtures the qualities of team spirit and healthy competition.

“To really lead is to grow more leaders and to shine a light on people’s gifts and talents” - Robin Sharma
Youth for Seva has made a successful effort in bringing together students, enthusiasts, volunteers, sponsors, media and its partners to its most sensational event – Chiguru 2017. We look forward to organizing more such initiatives and would gladly appreciate more support to help achieve our goal of bettering the society.

The YFS team believes that education should ideally focus not only on academics but also on the overall development of the child’s personality, and should encourage the students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Thus, Chiguru focuses on sports and arts, along with academics.

Youth for Seva has been organizing the event successfully since the past six years and with each year, has been growing, not only in its scope, but also in the enthusiasm and team spirit it spawns in both students and organizers alike.

In these six years, we have inspired children not with words, but by making themselves realize how amazing they are. Actions do speak louder than words, after all. The school administration, the organizing team of YFS and the volunteers, all worked in one direction- bringing out the best in children.

And so a day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. Chiguru 2017 is our chance to blossom into a focused student, a passionate volunteer and a great leader.

"Arise, awake and donot stop until the goal is reached."

- Swami Vivekananda

"It is a privilege to serve mankind, for this is the worship of God. God is here, in all these human souls. He is the soul of man."

- Swami Vivekananda
**VOLUNTEERING WEEK**

NTT Data Global had initiated a volunteering week in collaboration with Youth For Seva, from 2nd to 8th of December, solely dedicated to serve the society.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

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<td>Over 150 volunteers had visited Shivanagar and conducted a health camp there to raise awareness and provide treatment. They also painted the school wall.</td>
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<td>Table Distribution</td>
<td>30 volunteers had handed out 6 tables and computers to poor families in Fatehnagar.</td>
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**World Disability Day**

Over 200 people including YFS volunteers and a few other college students had gathered near Necklace Road on the 3rd of December on the occasion of The World Disability Day. They marched from Necklace Road to Tankbund crossroads to raise awareness among the public about the emotional and social problems faced by the physically disabled people.